Abstract of the Disclosure

A method and apparatus for constructing host processor soft devices independent of the host processor operating system are provided. In one embodiment, a driver of a soft device is implemented in a virtual machine monitor (VMM), and the soft device is made available for use by one or more virtual machines coupled to the VMM. In an alternative embodiment, a software component of a soft device is implemented in a first virtual machine that is coupled to a VMM, and the soft device is made available for use by a second virtual machine coupled to the VMM.

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